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FOR NEA/ARN - DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: JOSEPH ACKMAN

1. AMCIT JOSEPH ACKMAN OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND VISITED MY OFFICE JUNE 21 AND INFORMED ME OF HIS INTENTION TO MARRY SYRIAN MAIDEN SHEILA KABARITI (PHON.). SAID HE HAD VISITED LT. COL. ABD AL-SAMAD OF SYRIAN SECURITY PREVIOUS DAY ACCOMPANIED BY TOUTAH TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS. ABD AL-SAMAD SAID HE THOUGHT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE COMPLETED WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY, BUT CAUTIONED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE FINAL SAYD REGARDING PASSPORT APPROVAL. GIRL, AGE 30, IS SEAMSTRESS OR HAIRDRESSER AND IS APPLYING TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO DAY FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY NON-SYRIA. MARRIAGE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED IN DAMASCUS. ACKMAN IS JEWISH, OF RUSSIANNOT SYRIAN ORIGIN.

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, ACKMAN IS SHY, SOMEWHAT VAGUE AND ELUSIVE MAN IN MID-TO-LATE 30'S. THIS IS HIS SECOND VISIT TO SYRIA WHERE HE HAS MET A NUMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN. IN HIS WORDS THE CHOICE HAS BEEN FANTASTIC AND HIS PROBLEM \$20,000 IN THE BANK AND PLANS TO GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL NEXT
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YEAR IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. WE WANTS TO CONCLUDE MARRIAGE AND DEPARTURE FORMALITIES IN TIME TO BE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON JULY 7 TO BEGIN LANGUAGE CLASSES. HE IS LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR ANKARA FOR TOURISM AND IN ORDER TO REPLACE LOST TRAVELERS CHECKS, WHICH CANNOT BE DONE HERE, AND PLANS TO RETURN TO DAMASCUS IN ABOUT FOUR DAYS. I URGED HIM TO STAY IN TOUCH AND SAID WE WOULD DO ALL

WE COULD TO HELP HIM.

3. COMMENT: UNLESS SOMETHING GOES WRONG, THIS WILL BE THE
FIRST TEST OF SYRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD LETTING SYRIAN JEWISH
MAIDENS DEPART BECAUSE OF MARRIAGE TO AN AMCIT. IF SUCCESSFUL,
IT SHOULD HELP LAY FOUNDATION FOR NEXT STEP OF LETTING
MAIDENS DEPART TO MARRY SPECIFIED AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE
US.

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